REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-7, 10 and 13.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at 952-912-0527.

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Appendix A
Marked Up Version of Entire Claim Set

1. (Unchanged) A network control device (**CPS**) for controlling data transfer in a first network (**IP**),

wherein said data transfer is supplied from a second network (**SCN**) via a switch device (**SD**) adapted to control said second network (**SCN**) and an interface establishing device (**GW**) connected between said switch device (**SD**) and said first network (**IP**), and

said network control device (**CPS**) controls said interface establishing device (**GW**) by using signalling associated with said first network (**IP**).

2. (Unchanged) The network control device according to claim 1, wherein said network control device (**CPS**) controls a plurality of switch devices (**SD**) and interface establishing devices (**GW1**) via said first network (**IP**).

3. (Amended) The network control device according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein said first network (**IP**) is an IP based network and said second network (**SCN**) is a switched circuit network.

4. (Amended) The network control device according to [one of the previous] claim[s] 1, wherein said network control device (**CPS**) is located remotely from said interface establishing device (**GW**) and controls said interface establishing device (**GW**) by transmitting control signals (**CS**) via said first network (**IP**).

5. (Amended) The network control device according to [one of the previous] claim[s] 1, wherein said network control device controls parameters of said interface establishing device (**GW**).

6. (Amended) The network control device according to [one of the previous] claim[s] 1, wherein said network control device loads control software for said interface establishing device (**GW**) via said first network (**IP**) into said interface establishing device (**GW**).

7. (Amended) The network control device according to [one of the previous] claim[s] 1, wherein said data transfer relates to telephone traffic.

8. (Unchanged) An interface establishing device (**GW**) for providing an interface between a first network (**IP**) and a second network (**SCN**),

wherein said interface establishing device (**GW**) is adapted to receive data from said second network (**SCN**) by using signalling associated with said second network (**SCN**) and to transmit said data to said first network (**IP**) by using signalling associated with said first network (**IP**).

9. (Unchanged) The interface establishing device according to claim 8, wherein said interface establishing device (**GW**) is adapted to receive control signals (**CS**) from a remotely located network control device (**CPS**).

10. (Amended) The interface establishing device according to claim 8 [or 9], wherein said interface establishing device (**GW**) is connectable to a switch device (**SD**) adapted for controlling said second network (**SCN**).

11. (Unchanged) The interface establishing device according to claim 10, wherein said switch device (**SD**) comprises at least one connecting means for connecting an exchange terminal (**ET**) for a trunk line, and said interface establishing device (**GW**) is adapted to be connected to one of said connecting means in place of said exchange terminal (**ET**).

12. (Unchanged) The interface establishing device according to claim 11, wherein said connecting means is a slot, and said exchange terminal (**ET**) and said interface establishing device (**GW**) are constructed as plug-in-units such that both said exchange terminal (**ET**) and said interface establishing means (**GW**) can be inserted in said slot.

13. (Amended) A network system comprising a network control device according to [one of the] claim[s] 1 [to 7] and an interface establishing device according to [one of the] claim[s] 8 [to 12].

14. (Unchanged) A method for controlling a network system comprising a first network (**IP**), a second network (**SCN**), an interface establishing device (**GW**) providing interface between said networks, and a switch device (**SD**) to which said interface establishing device (**GW**) is connected and which controls said second network (**SCN**), said method comprising the steps of

controlling (**S1, S2, S3, S4**) said interface establishing device (**GW**) via said first network (**IP**) by using signalling associated with said first network (**IP**),

controlling (**S5**) said switch device (**SD**) via said first network (**IP**) by using signalling associated with said second network (**SCN**).

15. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 14, wherein said controlling step comprises the steps of

controlling (**S2**) parameters of said interface establishing device (**GW**) and

loading (**S4**) control software for said interface establishing device (**GW**) if it is decided that an update is necessary (**S3**).